GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES FOR FLYING OF AIRCRAFT OVER STRATEGIC INSTALLATIONS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of attacks of bomber aircraft in US, the Government have issued fresh guidelines to prohibit flying of aircraft over strategic installations and historic structures in the form of aviation as a weapon for terrorist activity;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect strategically very important installations from being targeted through `aviation terrorism`;

(d) whether any demand has been received from the State Governments to close air space over some important monuments and pilgrim centres; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) & (b) No fresh guidelines have been issued.
(c) A necessary component is being added to the Contingency Plan to deal with hijacking and other acts of unlawful interference with civil aviation.
(d) & (e) A request has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for declaring airspace over Tirumala Temple as a `No Fly Zone`. The matter is under consideration.